

Housing Authority - County of Los Angeles

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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Sean Rogan, Executive Director



SUBJECT: YEAR END OCCUPANCY AND VOUCHER UTILIZATION

I am proud to report two remarkable Housing Authority accomplishments for fiscal year end 2011-2012. These accomplishments reflect the County's strategic planning goals of Operational Effectiveness and Children, Family and Adult Well-being.

For fiscal year 2012-13, we have established new records for occupancy in our Public Housing Program and a new record for voucher utilization in our Section 8 program.

- **Public Housing –**

As of June 30, we have reached an occupancy rate of **99.9%** for our entire owned housing stock of 2,962 units. There are only 2 vacant units throughout our public housing. This is the highest occupancy rate in the history of this organization! When you consider that each month, there is normal attrition due to evictions, deceased tenants, or people simply leaving the program, having two vacancies at any given point in time is truly a remarkable feat that any private property management company would be hard pressed to achieve.

- **Section 8 voucher utilization**

Along the same lines, the Section 8 program is **100%** leased up. We are currently housing more families in our Section 8 program than at any time in our agency's history.

We've also reached a major milestone for our Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) program. As you may recall, these vouchers for homeless veterans were difficult to lease due to the low number of referrals we were receiving at the onset of this program in 2009. Due to staff efforts and operational efficiencies, we are happy to report that the 2009, 2010, and 2011 allocations of 580 tenant based vouchers are now 100% leased up.

All that remains to be leased are the 200 vouchers we just received in our 2012 allocation in April of this year. Overall we are currently assisting 26,808 families in our Housing Authority programs; also an all time high for our agency.

This accomplishment has been reached in spite of the cuts to our administrative budget.

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